MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): നല്ല ഉപ്പല്ല ഇറക്കുമതി ചെയ്തത് എന്നകാരണത്താൽ ര, ക്വിൻറൽ മൻ ഉപ്പിനു മന്നൊന്നിന് നാലണ അഞ്ചു പൈസയും ന, നവ്വ മൻ ഉപ്പിനു ഒരണ അഞ്ചു പൈസയും വീതം വിലകുറച്ചു കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): ചീത്ത ഉപ്പിനു വില കുറയ്ക്കുമ്പോൾ ജനങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉപയോഗപ്രദമായിതീരും എന്നാണൊ ഗവൺമെൻറിൻറെ വിശ്വാസം?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അതു ഉപ്പു ചീത്തയല്ലായിരുന്നു. ഉടമ്പടി അനുസരിച്ച് ഏല്പിക്കേണ്ട മാതിരിയിലുള്ളതല്ലായിരുന്നു എന്നല്ലാതെ ഉപയോഗയോഗ്യമല്ലാതിരുന്നില്ല. അങ്ങനെയാണ് അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എക്സൈസ് കമ്മിഷണർ റിപ്പോർട്ട് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilavankod*): കൊല്ലം മുനിസിപ്പൽ പ്രസിഡൻറ് അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് എഴുതി അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടൊ?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): അറിവില്ല.

*Salt Contract of Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar.*

21. MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the total quantity of Tinnevelly salt which Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar was bound to transport and store in the depots at Alleppey and Quilon before the end of Medam, 1099, as per his agreement, and the actual quantity he transported during that period?

(*b*) Is it a fact that, as the contractor failed to fulfil the terms of the contract, the Excise Commissioner recommended that the agreement be cancelled, and, if so, what were the orders passed by the Government on that recommendation?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Under the agreement, Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar had to transport to Alleppey a quantity of 2,25,000 maunds of Tinnevelly salt before the end of Medam, 1099. The quantity actually transported to Alleppey by Mr. Karayalar till that date is 1,30,154 maunds. Mr. Karayalar did not transport any salt to Quilon in 1099 as he was not the contractor engaged for the purpose.

(*b*) The Excise Commissioner did not recommend the cancellation of the agreement but asked for notice being taken of the contractor's remissness. He has accordingly been warned and a penalty has been ordered to be imposed on him under the agreement.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Does not one of the terms of the contract entered into by the Government with Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar say that, in case the contractor defaults to transport



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the whole quantity of salt agreed upon, another contractor will be employed, Mr. Karayalar's contract cancelled and the whole damage sustained by the Government recovered from him?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is not the term of the contract. The contract is: "If there is continued and persistent neglect, failure or omission on the part of Mr. Karayalar, it is competent to the Government to cancel his contract."

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): If he does not supply, what will the Government do?

PRESIDENT: It is a hypothetical question. Please do not put hypothetical questions.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When was the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner to impose some penalty in the matter sanctioned?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): On the 5th June, 1924.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): What was the penalty?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The penalty was to realise the sum of Rs. 4-as. 4 per 100 maunds on the quantity short-delivered.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Has the money been recovered from the contractor?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): When?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I shall enquire.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How was the deficiency made good in the Alleppey Depôt?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no necessity to make it good. The term for delivery has been extended up to the end of Vrischikam, 1100, and the contractor is delivering the balance due in instalments.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Till a certain date a certain quantity was required for the depôt. But he did not supply the whole quantity agreed upon. How was the deficiency made good?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): There was no need to make good the deficiency.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): Did the failure on the part of the contractor to transport the salt at the required time put up prices in the market?

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MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*): How did the Government ascertain this?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government know that prices have not risen.

*Bombay Salt Monopoly.*

22. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar has now applied to the Government that he may be granted the sole monopoly for the transport and sale of Bombay salt at Alleppey and Munambam, and, if so, what orders have been passed on that application?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

*Tamaracolam Salt.*

23. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the local salt transported from Tamaracolam old *allom* to Quilon is unfit for human consumption; and

(*b*) if not, whether they will be pleased to enquire whether it is unfit or not?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise. The matter has been enquired into.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any chemical examination of the salt was made?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Which salt?

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): The salt mentioned as transported from Tamaracolam.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Such salt is periodically subjected to chemical examination. If the member wishes to have information as regards any specific consignment, I shall supply it.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Municipal President wrote to the Assistant Excise Commissioner to have a sample of the salt transported from Tamaracolam to Quilon?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

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